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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 304**

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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims  
2 Act; to amend sections 13-919 and 13-920, Reissue Revised  
3 Statutes of Nebraska; to change limitation of action  
4 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 13-919, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           13-919 (1) Every claim against a political subdivision  
4 permitted under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act shall be  
5 forever barred unless within ~~one year~~ two years after such claim  
6 accrued the claim is made in writing to the governing body. Except  
7 as otherwise provided in this section, all suits permitted by the  
8 act shall be forever barred unless begun within two years after  
9 such claim accrued. The time to begin a suit shall be extended  
10 for a period of six months from the date of mailing of notice to  
11 the claimant by the governing body as to the final disposition of  
12 the claim or from the date of withdrawal of the claim from the  
13 governing body under section 13-906 if the time to begin suit would  
14 otherwise expire before the end of such period.

15           (2) If a claim is made or filed under any other law of  
16 this state and a determination is made by a political subdivision  
17 or court that the act provides the exclusive remedy for the claim,  
18 the time to make a claim and to begin suit under the act shall  
19 be extended for a period of six months from the date of the court  
20 order making such determination or the date of mailing of notice to  
21 the claimant of such determination by the political subdivision if  
22 the time to make the claim and to begin suit under the act would  
23 otherwise expire before the end of such period. The time to begin  
24 suit may be further extended as provided in subsection (1) of this  
25 section.

1           (3) If a claim is made or a suit is begun under the act  
2 and a determination is made by the political subdivision or by the  
3 court that the claim or suit is not permitted under the act for  
4 any other reason than lapse of time, the time to make a claim or  
5 to begin a suit under any other applicable law of this state shall  
6 be extended for a period of six months from the date of the court  
7 order making such determination or the date of mailing of notice to  
8 the claimant of such determination by the political subdivision if  
9 the time to make the claim or begin the suit under such other law  
10 would otherwise expire before the end of such period.

11           (4) If a claim is brought under the Nebraska  
12 Hospital-Medical Liability Act, the filing of a request for review  
13 under section 44-2840 shall extend the time to begin suit under the  
14 Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act an additional ninety days  
15 following the issuance of the opinion by the medical review panel  
16 if the time to begin suit under the Political Subdivisions Tort  
17 Claims Act would otherwise expire before the end of such ninety-day  
18 period.

19           (5) This section and section 25-213 shall be the only  
20 statutes of limitations applicable to tort claims as defined in the  
21 act.

22           Sec. 2. Section 13-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24           13-920 (1) No suit shall be commenced against any  
25 employee of a political subdivision for money on account of

1 damage to or loss of property or personal injury to or the death  
2 of any person caused by any negligent or wrongful act or omission  
3 of the employee while acting in the scope of his or her office  
4 or employment occurring after May 13, 1987, unless a claim has  
5 been submitted in writing to the governing body of the political  
6 subdivision within ~~one year~~ two years after such claim accrued in  
7 accordance with section 13-905.

8 (2) No suit shall be permitted on a claim filed pursuant  
9 to this section unless the governing body of the political  
10 subdivision has made final disposition of the claim, except that  
11 if the governing body does not make final disposition of the claim  
12 within six months after the claim is filed, the claimant may, by  
13 notice in writing, withdraw the claim from consideration of the  
14 governing body and begin suit.

15 (3) Except as provided in section 13-919, any suit  
16 commenced on any claim filed pursuant to this section shall be  
17 forever barred unless begun within two years after the claim  
18 accrued. The time to begin suit under this section shall be  
19 extended for a period of six months (a) from the date of mailing  
20 of notice to the claimant by the governing body as to the final  
21 disposition of the claim or (b) from the date of withdrawal of the  
22 claim from the governing body under this section, if the time to  
23 begin suit would otherwise expire before the end of such period.

24 Sec. 3. Original sections 13-919 and 13-920, Reissue  
25 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.